

# DKS meets experts ahead of grilling

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ENFORCEMENT Directorate of  
Receals, who are probing the al-  
leged money laundering case  
against former minister and sen-  
ior Congress leader DK Shivaku-  
mar, will question him for the  
third time on Monday. Sources  
close to the former minister said  
on Sunday that he held a series  
of meetings with legal experts in  
New Delhi and he is fully pre-  
pared to cooperate with the agen-

cy even if the questioning goes  
on for several days. "In the last  
two days, the ED officials have  
questioned him for over 15 hours  
and he is fully prepared to coop-  
erate with them even if the pro-  
cess takes several days," sources  
said. Shivakumar and his sup-  
porters were disappointed  
after the ED rejected his  
request for a day's time to  
celebrate Ganesha Festi-  
val with his family in  
Bengaluru on Monday.

According to

sources close to his family, every  
year during the Ganesha festival,  
they offer a special prayer and  
ritual. For the first time, Shiva-  
kumar and his brother, and Con-  
gress MP D K Suresh will be un-  
available. DKS's mother  
Gowramma and his sister Man-  
jula S will perform the prayers  
without them, sources said.

Meanwhile, former Chief  
Minister HD Kumaraswamy  
backed the former minister  
by questioning the ED's de-  
cision. "Gowri Ganesha

is an important festival for Hin-  
dus. Shivakumar had asked for a  
day to observe this festival. How-  
ever, ED officials denied him  
even this. If this is not a vindic-  
tive attitude, then what is?" the  
former CM tweeted.

Many senior Congress lead-  
ers, met Shivakumar in New  
Delhi on Sunday. They accused  
the Centre of targeting the ex-  
minister. The case against him  
is based on a chagresheet filed  
by the I-T department against  
him last year.

